

Continuing Education

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) will hold its first Board Review Course on August 24–30, 1996 in San Francisco, California. This week-long, in-depth review of nephrology and hypertension can be used to prepare for the next Nephrology Board Examination (to be held in November 1996) or as a timely and intensive update. Nationally renowned speakers have been selected for their teaching skills and past performance in similar courses, and Dr. Robert Narins will serve as the course director. CME credits will be provided by the University of Minnesota. The deadline for “early bird” registration is March 1, 1996. For more information contact ASN, 1200 19th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington D.C. 20036, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

The 1st International Postgraduate Course of Nephrology in Slovenia will be held October 26–27, 1996 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The course is intended for physicians who have prior knowledge of nephrology and will include invited lecturers. This workshop-based course will encompass a variety of topics: prescription of treatment with peritoneal dialysis, adequacy of dialysis treatment and biocompatibility of dialysis membranes, chronic complications of dialysis treatment, renoprotective strategies for delaying the progression of diabetic and nondiabetic renal disease, resistant arterial hypertension (diagnosis and treatment), rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis (diagnosis and treatment), and organization of information system/registry in nephrology. Enrollment is limited. For further information contact I. International Course of Nephrology in Slovenia, Organizing Committee, Department of Nephrology, University Medical Centre, Zaloska 7, 61000 Ljubljana, Slovenia. Telephone: 386 61 324 973; FAX: 386 61 13 22 077.

The American Society of Nephrology (ASN) will offer a course in Molecular Biology and Genetics for Clinical Nephrologists in New Orleans, Louisiana on November 1–2, 1996, immediately preceding the annual ANS meeting. The course will acquaint clinicians with basic technology and processes used in molecular biology and genetics and help them understand and draw relationships between these topics and clinical medicine. The National Kidney Foundation will serve as co-sponsor and registration will be limited to 200 participants. For more information contact ASN, 1200 19th Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20036, USA. Telephone: (202) 857-1190; FAX: (202) 223-4579.

American Board of Internal Medicine

The ABIM announces the dates of its certification examinations for 1996. Internal Medicine: September 1–December 1, 1995 (Registration Period); August 20–21, 1996 (Examination Dates). Nephrology: January 1–April 1, 1996 (Registration Period); November 20, 1996 (Examination Date). For further information and application forms, contact the American Board of Internal Medicine, Registration Section, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104. Telephone: (800) 441-2246 or (215) 243-1500; FAX: (215) 382-5515.

National Societies

The Secretary General of the *International Society of Nephrology* is endeavoring to bring the Society's list of national societies up-to-date. Many such national societies are not affiliated with the ISN or their affiliation has lapsed. To retain their affiliated status and to vote at the General Assembly, a list of individual members

is required to be sent annually. Secretaries of national societies therefore are asked to provide the Secretary General with the address to which correspondence should be sent, together with a list of their officers and individual members, and a formal application for affiliation where this has lapsed. Please send these to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

International Fellowship Training Awards

The International Society of Nephrology announces the establishment of an International Fellowship Training Program to provide training in clinical nephrology to physicians from developing countries. It is the objective of this program to support the growth of nephrology in developing countries through an educational program that admits qualified applicants to clinical training in recognized nephrology programs around the world, and then to return to their home country to practice and/or teach. In unique circumstances, applicants who wish basic research training may be considered if the environment in the home country will permit continued research upon the completion of training.

The guidelines for application are as follows:

- (1) Fellowship awards will be made only to physicians from developing countries.
- (2) Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance into a recognized and suitable training program before the award can be granted.
- (3) The Fellow must return to his or her home country upon completion of approved training.
- (4) The Fellow must provide evidence of a guaranteed position in a medical institution upon return to the home country.
- (5) Fellows will receive a stipend from the Society such that, taking into account the home country and/or the host institution support that they may have, they achieve a \$22,500 US revenue.
- (6) Fellows must be able to read and speak the language of the host country. An interview may be required to assess verbal fluency.
- (7) Fellowships will be offered primarily for clinical training of one to two years duration.
- (8) Clinical training programs should be practical in their orientation, and applicable to the needs and conditions of the home country. The ability of the host institution to provide such training will be an important factor in the selection process.
- (9) Fellows must have received sufficient training in internal medicine or other fields to pass all host country examinations that are necessary to the care of patients. Fellowships may be awarded to senior individuals who seek additional training but, in general, preference will be given to younger physicians who are at the beginning of their permanent careers.
- (10) Specific instructions and the necessary application forms can be obtained by writing directly to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Academic Medical Center, Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

*The Charles E. Culpeper Foundation Scholarships in
Medical Science*

The Charles E. Culpeper Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 1997 Scholarships in Medical Science Program, designed to support the career development of academic physicians. Up to three awards of \$100,000 per year for three years will be made to United States medical schools on behalf of candidates who are U.S. citizens, have received their M.D. degree from a U.S. medical school in 1988 or later, and are judged worthy of support by virtue of the quality of their research proposals. All scientific research relevant to human health is eligible for consideration. No institution may nominate more than one candidate. In selecting awardees, emphasis will be on identifying young physicians with clear potential for making substantial contributions to science as academic physicians. Deadline for applications is August 15, 1996. Awards will be announced by January 10, 1997 for activation on or about July 1, 1997. For further information and application forms contact the Charles E. Culpeper Foundation, Financial Centre, 695 East Main Street, Suite 404, Stamford, Connecticut 06901, USA. Telephone: (201) 307-1970.

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THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEPHROLOGY
ANNOUNCES
NEW JOINT MEMBERSHIP PLAN
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(FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY)

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Applications for the ISN Joint Membership can be requested from the Treasurer's office at the following address: C. Craig Tisher, M.D., Treasurer, ISN, PO Box 100231, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32610-0231 USA (Telephone 1-352-392-4008; Fax 1-352-392-3581).